

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 148

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to designate the 25th of February as "Tennessee Philological Association Day" in honor of this academic group's 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the General Assembly should pause to recognize such a noble state-wide association consisting of learned college and university professors of English and Foreign Languages on this, the Tennessee Philological Association's 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in 1904, certain professors and scholars of English and Foreign Languages decided to form an organization which would bring together like-minded professors, scholars, graduate students, and teachers devoted to language and literature in English and other languages in the State of Tennessee, allowing them to fellowship with those who have similar interests; and

WHEREAS, this Association began at the University of the South at Sewanee in 1905, where it was given its present name, the Tennessee Philological Association. It was modeled on a small scale upon the already familiar organizations of the Modern Language Association and the American Philological Association; and

WHEREAS, membership in the Association applies to all who teach in the area of languages in universities, colleges, and high schools. There have been no official dues, simply a registration fee at the time of the meeting, and a membership list which include those present at the last two or three meetings; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Philological Association meetings have been held at various times during the school year upon the invitation of different academic institutions in the State.

These consecutive meetings are delegated throughout each of the three geographical divisions of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Association celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at the University of the South in 1955 and continues to enjoy an active existence into its 100th year, which will be celebrated this year at Lipscomb University in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the Association and its members meet to renew old bonds, establish new ones, and encourage scholarship and fellowship. Intellectual matters are discussed ranging from composition pedagogy, to linguistics, to ancient and modern canonical literature, to film and popular culture; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to honor and recognize such an outstanding organization as the Tennessee Philological Association and its members for their advancement of higher learning and their commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we designate the 25th of February as “Tennessee Philological Association Day,” in honor of this organization’s 100th anniversary. We urge all Tennesseans to join with us in recognizing the tremendous intellectual and academic benefits of this Association’s continued existence and extend to those professors, teachers, graduate students, and scholars our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.